

CLAIMS

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1. In a computer system, a method for displaying a subset of a set of connected parts, said method comprising the steps of:
displaying a plurality of identifiers representing said set of connected parts;
selecting an identifier from said plurality of identifiers; and
displaying said subset of said set in response to said selecting step.

2. The method of claim 1 wherein said set of connected parts comprise parts of a vehicle. *a*

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3. The method of claim 2 wherein said plurality of identifiers comprise textual lists, graphics icons, and hot spots.

4. The method of claim 3 wherein said textual list comprises a list of vehicle parts displayed in a menu by said computer system.

5. The method of claim 3 wherein said graphics icons comprise images of vehicle parts displayed by said computer system.

6. The method of claim 3 wherein each of said hot spots comprises a pointer to a unique vehicle part displayed by said computer system.

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7. The method of claim 4 wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a vehicle part from said list of vehicle parts.

8. The method of claim 5 wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a graphics icon.

9. The method of claim 6 wherein said selecting step comprises the step of selecting a hot spot.

10. The method of claim 1 wherein said set of connected parts represents a vehicle and said subset represents a layer of vehicle parts, said layer being comprised of a plurality of vehicle parts, each layer being located next to at least one other layer, whereby said vehicle is represented by a plurality of said layers of vehicle parts.

Sub a4 11. The method of claim 10 wherein said vehicle is an automobile.

12. The method of claim 11 wherein an outer sheet metal of said automobile is an outermost layer of said plurality of layers.

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13. The method of claim 12 wherein said plurality of layers are arranged in order of distance from said outer sheet metal of said automobile.

14. The method of claim 1 wherein said subset is an outer sheet metal of an automobile.

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